

FISCAL NOTE

SB 396 - HB 570

March 30, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the owner or operator of a building containing residential units to charge tenants separately for water and wastewater service based on usage as determined through the use of special equipment or an economical allocation methodology. Specifies that the use of such equipment or methodology to charge separately for water shall not cause any owner or operator to be considered the owner or operator of a public water system or public utility. Provides that the total amount of the charges to the tenants for water and wastewater service shall not exceed the total charges paid by the owner or operator plus a reasonable fee for establishing, servicing and billing for such service. Specifies that the charges must be disclosed to the tenants prior to any contractual agreement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Estimate assumes the bill will allow for the installation of individual metering devices in order to charge residents individually for use of water and sewage systems.

NOTE: Provisions of this bill, specifying that owners and operators billing separately for water are not considered a public water system or utility, may place the state out of conformity with federal regulations, which may potentially jeopardize federal funding.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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